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To the Honourable The Commissioners of HIS MAJESTY's *EXCISE*.

The Case of *Dr. Sayer Rudd*, in Answer to An Information lodged against him, in the Excise Office, *London*, for retaling *Spirituous Liquors*:

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT the said Information is intirely false; for that the said *Sayer Rudd* has sold no *Spirituous Liquors*, but a real *Medicinal Cordial*.

THIS he apprehends will appear both by *The Ingredients*, which enter into *The Composition* of this Medicine, and *The Manner* in which it has been *prepared*: An Account of which follows:

TO 12 Gallons of *Juniper Water*, extracted from *The Berries*, with the best *Molossus Spirits*, he added

1 Pint of Compound *Wormwood Water*,
1 Pound of *Syrup* of *Clovegillyflower*, and
A Tincture extracted from half an Ounce of *Cochineal*.

THUS far this *Cordial Medicine* was prepared immediately upon the Water's coming from the Still, before any of it was used, or it was even remov'd out of *The Elaboratory*.

BUT the said *Sayer Rudd*, apprehending *The Medicine* capable of *farther Improvement*, infused *An Ounce* more of *Cochineal* in *The Water prepared as above*; and likewise in *Two Quarts* of the said *Water* infused the following *Ingredients* as *A Cordial, Stomachic Bitter*:

Roots, *Gentian* and *Galangal*;
Seeds, The Greater *Cardamom*, *Carduus* and *Rue*;
Flowers of *Chamomile*,
English Saffron and
Orange Peels, of each *Two Drams*.

THE greatest part of this, after Two Days Infusion, was poured off into the whole Quantity, as also part of *The Tincture* from The Ounce of *Cochineal*.

UPON This Representation the said *Sayer Rudd* humbly apprehends it will appear, not only, That there is *A Real Medicinal Process* in the Medicine he has sold; but that it is well calculated to remove *Several Disorders* incident to The Human Body. And farther,

THAT for The Reasons here above given, he may as lawfully administer it for *A Physical Preparation*, as he may prescribe *Daffey's Elixir*, *Stoughton's Drops*, or any *Cordial Julep*.

THE said *Sayer Rudd* farther begs leave to represent,

THAT he never did sell any of this *Stomachic Cordial*, but where persons, who came for it, complained that their Relations or Friends were *distemper'd*; and at the same time made *An Addition* of *The Tincture* and *Bitter Drops* (having reserved some of *both* for that Purpose) as he apprehended the case of The Patient required. And likewise gave particular *Directions* for the use of it; especially where any were afflicted with *The Gravel*; ordering *three* or *four* Spoonfuls of it to be taken in *A Draught* of *Warm Ale*.

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AND he begs here to obſerve farther:

THAT having ſold but *a very ſmall Quantity* of this Medicine, it appears that it has not been uſed in *The Manner*, nor to *The Purpoſes*, common in Liquors *properly Spirituous*. And alſo:

THAT the ſaid *Preparation* having coſt him, at the exacteſt Computation, about 14 *d.* A Quart, and he having ſold it for 16 *d.* he cannot be ſuppoſed to have done it for *Unreaſonable Gain*, but principally to ſerve *The Poor*.

AND he farther begs leave to ſubjoin:

THAT the ſaid *Sayer Rudd* has that *Zealous Affection* for *The Preſent Government*, and that *unbounded regard* to *All the Laws* now in force, That he could not allow himſelf in any practice that might carry the leaſt appearance of *Diſloyalty* to The One, or look like an Attempt of *inſulting* The Other: And that for theſe reaſons he would willingly have laid aſide the uſe of this Medicine, but that *The Neceſſity* of His Patients obliged him to adminiſter it to Two different Perſons on the 17th and 18th of this Inſtant, who found conſiderable Relief by it, as they are ready to atteſt upon Oath.

UPON the whole, the ſaid *Sayer Rudd* begs leave to repreſent, That if thoſe who are Graduates in Phyſic may not be ſafe in the uſe of ſuch Medicines, he cannot ſee but it will greatly infringe not only upon *Pharmacy*, but *The practice of Phyſic* in general, which he humbly apprehends could never be the deſign of The Legiſlative Power in the late Act of Parliament againſt Spirituous Diſtilled Liquors.

October the 19th 1736.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your HONOURS

moſt obedient, humble Servant,

SAYER RUDD.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM